

Backgrounder

Traffic Control Persons

1. How many traffic control persons (TCPs) are there in B.C.?

There are currently over 12,000 qualified TCPs in British Columbia.

2. Who employs TCPs?

Municipalities, traffic control companies and road construction/maintenance companies.

3. Who is responsible for training TCPs?

The Construction Safety Network has contracts with six Master Trainers throughout the province. In a three day course, the Master Trainers instruct individuals who want to offer TCP courses.

Currently, there are over 130 qualified instructors who offer a two-day course which includes both theory and practical experience. These instructors are audited periodically by the Master Trainers.

A TCP record of completion is valid for three years after successful completion of the course. The record of completion can be renewed at the end of the three years by either taking a challenge exam or completing the two day course again.

4. What is the major responsibility of a TCP?

From a highly visible and safe position, TCPs work to control traffic moving through a work zone by monitoring, maintaining and adjusting work zones as work progresses to maintain the safety of pedestrians, drivers and workers.

5. What is the definition of a certified Traffic Control Person in British Columbia?

A certified Traffic Control Person in the province of British Columbia has to have taken and passed the WorkSafeBC-approved two day TCP course offered by TCP Instructors trained by the Construction Safety Network. This program has been in effect since 2003 and all previous certification was replaced.

6. What are the accepted claims statistics for TCPs?

The 2004-2009 accepted claims breakdown for TCPs is as follows:

Year	# of accepted claims ¹
2004	74
2005	78
2006	75
2007	98
2008	92
Total	417

There was one accepted fatal claim in 2006, and another in 2008.

¹ Includes all accepted claims: short- and long-term disability and fatalities